

ROBBINS' RAPE.

A Dastardly Crime Committed
Four Years Ago—The
Fiend Has Been Here
For Three Years.He is a Brick Mason and Sailed
Under the Name of
Joseph Smith.The Story as Told by Detective
Norris.

Yesterday's BAZOO gave a brief account of the arrival in this city of Detective John Norris, of Springfield, Ohio, on the search of a man who had perpetrated one of the worst crimes that ever darkened the calendar of crime. The name of the dastard nor his crime were not given for reasons then stated, but these reasons being removed, there is no longer further cause for secrecy and both are hereby published.

This morning a BAZOO reporter called on Capt. Norris, at the Garrison house, who, by the way, did not go west, as was stated in the morning paper, and from him gleaned the following facts:

A LITTLE PREVIOUS HISTORY.

In 1878, and for several years previous, there lived in Springfield, Ohio, a man by the name of Milo Robbins, a shoemaker by trade. He was a well-to-do artisan and as a citizen stood well.

In the course of events Robbins took unto himself a wife and matrimonial felicities and domestic bliss were as cheerfully given him as to the majority of men in his condition. One day a

BLACK MESSENGER

entered his home and Mrs. Robbins was taken away from earth.

This was in 1877, and for a year the widower mourned her, to all outward appearances, as all good husbands should. But as Mr. Robbins was then only about thirty-five years of age and in vigorous manhood, he was as other men are under the laws of nature. Later events proved that he was under the power of the most devilish passion.

ONE DAY A LITTLE GIRL,

Jda Kenard by name, only eight years of age, entered Robbins' shop for the purpose of having a pair of shoes mended. While there, Robbins seized her, took her into a back room and there brutally outraged her person, leaving her more dead than alive. He fled, but was captured and placed on trial. The old plea of insanity was made and in order to prove it, Robbins was placed in jail, before sentence was passed. Before this was done he managed to escape and had not been heard of until about a week ago, when a letter was received at Springfield from this place, written by a man by the

NAME OF R. C. MEDICUS,

in which it was stated that the writer knew the whereabouts of Robbins.

The letter was placed in Capt. Norris' hands and the detection of the villain entrusted to him.

As stated, the detective arrived in this city yesterday morning and at once put himself in communication with Sheriff Conner and other officials.

ROBBINS' ALIAS.

Some three years ago there arrived in Sedalia a brickmason who gave the name of Joseph Smith. He sought and found employment, none suspecting that the man was one of the blackest villains unhung. He proved a fair workman, and lived quietly, the latter course, no doubt, being deemed by him as the better for his own safety. He didn't seem to aspire for a stirring life.

ONE OF THE GREAT ARMY.

Not long since there came to Sedalia (they all come to this city), a man by the name of R. C. Medicus, claiming to be a detective. He knew Robbins, and of his crime in Springfield, and one day he was greatly surprised to meet him on one of the streets.

The recognition was mutual and Smith, alias Robbins, at once thought it would be wise for him to go further towards the setting sun. Medicus wrote back to the authorities at Springfield, as is stated above.

WHERE IS ROBBINS?

After he fled from here, and before the arrival of Capt. Norris, the location of Robbins was not known, but it is now, and the probability is that Medicus, who followed him, has him, safely behind the bars at Emporia, Kans.

PERSONAL.

The man who is following Robbins, Capt. Norris, is a detective of national reputation. He has accomplished some of the most dangerous and difficult work of any one in this risky business. His exploits read like a romance, so strange and full of vicissitudes have they been. As a pistol shot there is, probably, no man more expert than he. Yesterday afternoon at the hotel he entertained the reporter and another gentleman by exhibitions of his skill as a marksman, shooting the ashes from the end of a cigar, held in the hand, across the room, with his revolver; splitting bullets on a knife blade held up the same distance away, and other similar tricks. As a proof of his skill in this direction, he wears a handsome diamond medal, presented by the Highland House, Springfield, January 1, 1879, at a prize shoot, the captain winning at sixty-six feet.

Houses Demolished at Hepler.

A destructive wind and rain storm struck the town of Hepler, Kansas, twenty-eight miles this side of Parsons, about 11 o'clock last night, and three dwelling houses were completely demolished. The inmates had taken time by the forelock and fled to places of safety, hence escaped without injury.

At Parsons, also, there was a severe storm, and considerable destruction of property ensued, although no one was hurt.

While science cannot trace to its origin the vital spark, it can regulate nature's force. In all cases of disordered nerves, Dr. Benson's Celery and Chamomile Pills give comfort and tone. They cure dyspepsia, headache and aggravating weakness.

THE UNIVERSITY.

Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Yesterday Afternoon.The Question of Site Fully Dis-
cussed and the Barrett Prop-
erty Selected.

The board of trustees of the Sedalia university met at the First National bank yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The following officers were present: Rev. G. A. Beattie, Dr. W. H. Wood, D. H. Smith, J. H. Mertz, Col. J. D. Crawford, J. M. Clute, G. W. Ready, Dr. J. W. Trader and Col. A. D. Jaynes.

The meeting was called to order by D. H. Smith, president of the board. On motion of Prof. G. W. Ready, the articles of association were amended to make seven members constitute a quorum instead of nine.

The president stated that the first and principal business before the board was to determine the matter of site. Mr. J. H. Mertz moved that a committee of five be appointed on site. This motion called forth a lengthy and somewhat animated discussion.

Col. Jaynes thought that the subscription made thus far had been made for a specific purpose, to-wit: The purchase of fifty four acres of land, twenty acres of which were to be devoted to university purposes, and that if this project was changed, the organization was changed, and was virtually at an end. Mr. Mertz thought that the land company had nothing to do with the university. He said: "We are here in the capacity of trustees of the university; we are not talking about the land company, only so far as the donation is concerned. Our sole object is to organize and build up a university, and we should accept the best site."

Col. Jaynes thought that the organization of the university was based upon the land scheme, and he had never looked at the matter in any other light.

Dr. Trader thought that the board had no right to entertain any other proposition in reference to the site, than the one coming through the land company without calling a meeting of the stock holders, as this board is merely acting as their trustees, and no new proposition can be entertained unless the whole matter is reconsidered, as the university is the child of the land company, and can only carry out this contract made with the land company for specific purposes.

Mr. Mertz insisted that the board had the right to select any site it deemed proper.

The secretary read the articles of association of the land company, which stated the object to be to purchase fifty-four acres of land, twenty of which shall be donated to the university.

Col. Crawford thought that if this contract was not carried out the board was at an end.

Mr. Beattie agreed with Mr. Mertz that the university is separate and distinct from the land company. He did not think that the hands of the board were tied and that they had a right to accept any other proposition they saw fit. The subscriptions made to buy the land would of course fall through and the land company would go. The land company did not appoint these trustees. The trustees of the land company and the trustees of the university were appointed by two separate and distinct meetings.

Prof. Ready said the stockholders of the land company elected the trustees of the university and if the original scheme fell through, this board would cease to exist.

Mr. Beattie insisted upon his point, that these trustees were elected by the citizens and not by the land company.

Dr. Trader wanted to know where the board would get its franchise, if it cut loose from the land company, as a franchise could not be obtained without property. He claimed that the board as now constituted had no right to accept any proposition in reference to land; the province of the board was merely to manage the affairs of the university.

Mr. Mertz said that subscriptions to the amount of \$2,700 had already been pledged for the purchase of sixteen acres of land on East Broadway. Of course if this site was selected the land company would fall to the ground, but the subscriptions made to purchase the Barrett property would, he thought, be turned over for the purchase of the proposed site in East Sedalia, and he thought about from \$5,000 to \$8,000 could be raised.

After some further discussion, the motion to appoint a committee on site was lost.

The president then stated that the only proposition before the board was the one for the Barrett property.

Mr. Clute moved that the proposition of Mr. Barrett for the twenty acres of land be accepted.

The proposition of Mr. Barrett, or rather the proposition of the land company through Mr. Barrett, is that when 200 shares of stock are subscribed, and 50 per cent paid in, the land company will make a deed to the university of twenty acres of land. There are 192 shares now subscribed and Mr. Barrett guaranteed the balance of the stock.

Col. Jaynes and Dr. Trader explained that they were at first opposed to selecting the Barrett property as a site, but on account of the shape the matter was in they did not think that the board was at liberty to entertain any other proposition.

Col. Crawford thought that if this matter of changing site was pressed it would result in a general burst up.

After some further desultory talk, Mr. Clute's motion to accept the Barrett proposition was adopted. Mr. Mertz alone voting in the negative.

Mr. Beattie offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of four, consisting of Messrs. Clute, Ingram, White and Mertz, be appointed to have the necessary changes made in the Barrett hotel to adapt it to school purposes, and further, to rent buildings on terms satisfactory to the committee; also, to purchase necessary school furniture.

Resolved, That the finance committee be instructed to proceed at once to raise the necessary funds for putting the Barrett hotel in condition to be used for school purposes, and for necessary school furniture.

THE FACULTY.

Mr. Beattie, from the committee appoint-

ed to select a faculty, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"Your committee on faculty would recommend that Rev. Chas. Little, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Wabash, Indiana, be chosen president, with a salary the first year of \$2,000; that Professor G. W. Ready be employed as professor of languages at a salary of \$1,500 per annum; that Professor A. H. Burchfield be employed as professor of bookkeeping and penmanship; Miss A. M. Allen, teacher of music; Miss Josie Wright, teacher of painting and drawing; the last three to be employed on such terms as may be agreed on by them and the trustees. That the committee request further time for the selection of the rest of the faculty."

Mr. Beattie spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Little, stating that he was pastor of a large and flourishing church in Wabash, Indiana. He is a young man thirty-five or six years old, and very popular and widely known in his church. He did not know whether Mr. Little could be induced to accept the place.

The secretary stated that subscriptions of \$50 each from seven persons had thus far been secured for the purpose of remodeling the Barrett hotel, so as to adapt it to school purposes.

On motion the board adjourned.

A BOOM FOR HEARD.

Pettis County's Senator to Receive
the Sum of \$11,000 as
Commission.

The many friends of Hon. Jno. T. Heard, in this city, will read the following, which appeared as a special telegram in this morning's Kansas City Times, with interest. It bears a New York date of yesterday:

Information was received here to-day by the governor and state treasurer that the treasurer of the United States had, by letter, notified the state's agent, Senator John T. Heard, now in New York, that the United States was ready to pay the state of Missouri \$250,000 of the militia claims for the collection of which Senator Heard was appointed the agent of the state. This money will go into the treasury of the state, and represents the money actually paid out of the treasury of the state during the first nine months of 1887. No part of it goes to pay the claims of individuals. It was expended by the state after the adjournment of the claim commission, and is a claim of the state for money actually expended by the state. Senator Heard will receive about \$11,000 of the amount as commission under the law providing for his appointment.

—THE REV. GEO. H. THAYER, of Bourbon, Ind., says: "Both myself and wife owe our lives to SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE."—For sale by all druggists.

AN UNNATURAL MOTHER.

An Infant Found in the Bottom of
a Well at Warrensburg
Yesterday.

Warrensburg has another sensation, but not of the character the people of that city have been accustomed to furnishing. Yesterday some workmen were putting in a pair of scales on Holden street, near a vacant lot, when one of the men went to draw some water out of an old, unused cistern for the purpose of mixing mortar. Upon opening the cistern he discovered an object lying in the water. The object was pulled up and it was discovered to be an infant.

The coroner, Dr. W. E. Smith, was notified and a jury was cited for the purpose of holding an inquest. The body of the child was taken to the court house, where the victims of morbid curiosity gathered and dispersed all day long. The child looked as if it had been in the water about ten days. The inquest was postponed till night, as it was thought by that time there might be some clue obtained regarding the murderess of the child, but since then no additional particulars have been learned.

—ARE YOU MADE miserable by indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, Yellow Skin? Shiloh's Vitalizer is a positive cure. For sale by all druggists.

Horse Thief Captured.

The following dispatch was received last night by Constable Barnett:

WARRENSBURG, July 10.
CONSTABLE, SEDALIA:
I arrested a horse thief at 9 o'clock to-night. The horse is a dark-brown, 15½ hands high. Says he got him out of a pasture one and one-half miles north of Sedalia. He gives his name as J. W. Sherman.
[Signed]

J. W. ROGERS,
Night Watchman.

The animal is probably owned by Mr. J. G. Newman, as he had one stolen a day or two ago, which answers the description exactly. A party will go to Warrensburg this evening for the purpose of identifying the animal.

LATER.

Since writing the above, the horse has been identified as Mr. Newman's and the thief, Sherman, has been in the employ of Mr. Newman as gardener. He will be brought to Sedalia to-night by Officer Jim Gossage, who is now at Pleasant Hill on business of importance.

A Traveler's Story.

After spending months at watering place and consulting the best physicians without benefit, I returned home disheartened and expected to die. A friend urged a trial of Parker's Ginger Tonic. Three bottles and careful diet have brought me excellent health and spirits, and I hope my experience may benefit similar sufferers.—Cincinnati Adv. See other column.

Married.

In Sedalia, July 11th, by Rev. G. A. Beattie, Mr. Abraham Meyer and Mrs. Florence Atherton, at the residence of the bride's father, Col. D. B. Dean.

—FOR DYSPESPIA and Liver complaint, you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure. For sale by all druggists.

HOUNDED BY HOUSER.

A New Mexico Man Who
Followed His Wife to
This City,And Found Her Stopping as a
Guest at the Lindell
Hotel.They Settle Their Difficulties and
Depart for Decatur,
Illinois.

Marshal Shy related to a BAZOO reporter, last night, a story which smacks of the sensational, and is only another illustration of the folly to which a silly woman will sometimes stoop, and of the persistent efforts a loving husband will put forth to reclaim the affections of her who is certainly unworthy the name of wife. Several days ago there

ARRIVED AT THE LINDELL HOTEL.

here a handsome woman, some thirty years of age, who registered as Mrs. Houser, of Calfax county, New Mexico. She was well supplied with cash, and although inquiries were made to ascertain something in regard to her history, she kept her lips sealed, and her mission was only a matter of conjecture with the inmates of the house.

The first of last week, however, furnished the sequel. As Marshal Shy was walking along the street he was approached by a stranger who inquired if he was the chief of police. Bob gave an affirmative reply, when the stranger, who gave his name as Houser, said that he was here

IN SEARCH OF HIS WIFE, who had left him and her home in Calfax county, New Mexico, for the purpose of visiting relatives at Appleton City.

Bob sized up his man, and at first took him to be a "crank," else why should he come to Sedalia in search of a woman who was visiting friends elsewhere.

"Why are you looking for her here?" said Shy.

"Because," said Houser, "I think she is here."

"Have you been to Appleton City?" asked Bob.

"No," was the reply; "but I telegraphed and find she has not been there, and I am convinced that she is stopping at one of the hotels here."

Mr. Houser then produced a photograph of the missing woman, which he handed to the marshal, and beseeched him to put forth every exertion to

ASCERTAIN HER WHEREABOUTS.

Bob promised to do so, and the two parted company, after having made an appointment to meet at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. On leaving Houser, the marshal commenced making the rounds of the various hotels. A number were visited, but no woman answering the description was encountered. At last all had been visited but the Lindell, and thither the officer made his way. There was no one in the office, so he walked to the rear portion of the house, and sure enough there was the missing wife. Shy held a few minutes' conversation with her, but did not make his business known, and soon took his departure.

At the hour agreed upon, Houser was on hand to hear what had been done in the premises.

AN ANXIOUS LOOK WAS VISIBLE.

upon his features, and he quickly asked: "Did you find her?" He was informed that she was at the Lindell, and to the house he insisted on going at once. He was advised to be calm, and he would behold the object of his search in due time.

It was arranged that they should visit the house, where Houser would secrete himself in the parlor, when Shy would send for the woman for the purpose of holding an interview. This was successfully carried out. Houser was behind the door when his erring spouse entered, but he could not resist the temptation of taking one peep—just to see if it was her, you know. That one look settled the business. He recognized her instantly, and she, in turn, perceived and recognized him. Only a moment did the woman hesitate, and then, with an exclamation of surprise and delight, she rushed forward and

THREW HERSELF INTO THE ARMS OF HER HUSBAND.

Long did they embrace and many were the kisses bestowed. The marshal stood agape. He had expected a scene, and was there for the purpose of preventing bloodshed. This was not necessary. A glance was all he needed to tell him that his presence was not desired further and he quietly withdrew.

That night, on the street, Houser met the marshal and returned thanks for the assistance rendered. He explained that all their differences had been settled and on Friday night last they took their departure for Decatur, Ill., where Houser has relatives with whom they will visit for a month.

As to why Mrs. Houser left home, the husband was not communicative, and the marshal says it is one of those mysteries which must remain unexplained.

From Eminent WilmBinnert, no M. D., Baltimore.

"I have used Colden's Liebig's Liquid Extract of Beef and Tonic Invigorator in my practice, and have been much gratified with the result. As a tonic in all cases of debility, weakness, anemia, chlorosis, etc., it cannot be surpassed" (Take no other.) Of druggists.

Suicide at Clifton.

A BAZOO reporter received information this morning from a passenger from the north, on the K. & T., that at Clifton, Cooper county, yesterday a barber named Phillip Matherby killed himself by shooting himself through the heart. The cause is supposed to have been financial troubles. His sister had kept a watch on him all morning, fearing he would kill himself, as he had said he would, but he locked her out of the room, and shooting himself, died in four minutes.

—WHY WILL YOU cough when Shiloh's Cure will give immediate relief. Price 10 cts. 50 cts. and \$1. For sale by all druggists.

WILDS OF THE WEST.

A Talk With Billy Bard, Who
Returned Saturday
Night.He Tells of the Former Sed-
alians He Met and How
They are Doing.Both He and Mr. Beiler are En-
thusiastic Over What They
Term God's Country.

Sunday's BAZOO announced the arrival home of Mr. Wm. Bard and Mr. S. H. Beiler, after an absence of a month in the wilds of Colorado and New Mexico, whither they went in search of pleasure and recreation. This morning a BAZOO reporter called upon Mr. Bard at his store and asked him for a brief description of his trip, feeling assured it would prove of interest to the thousands who peruse the paper published for the people now on earth.

The gentleman was perfectly willing to comply with the request, and started out with an introductory that convinced the writer that he was

ENTHUSIASTIC OVER THE TRIP.

and had a good opinion of the country through which he had passed, his friend Mr. Beiler, sharing the same.

Leaving Sedalia, they proceeded to Kansas City, and thence direct to Las Vegas, New Mexico, where they spent three days at the celebrated springs there. At this point the A. T. & S. F. R. R. Co. have erected a magnificent and commodious hotel, some \$400,000 having been expended upon it and in beautifying the grounds. The house is under the management of Mr. Clark Frost, formerly of the Lindell hotel, St. Louis, which is a sufficient guarantee that guests are cared for in a first-class manner. A large number of visitors were there, and all expressed themselves delighted with the beautiful surroundings.

Leaving Las Vegas, they proceeded to Albuquerque, New Mexico, which place Mr. Bard designates the

FASTEST TOWN IN THE COUNTRY.

Real estate has experienced a boom never before exceeded anywhere, and still the boom is unabated. Lots which, but a few months ago, were worth from \$75 and \$100, now range in price from \$1,000 to \$10,000, and handsome buildings are being erected on every hand, giving employment to a vast number of mechanics, all of whom receive good wages.

The town is "fast" in the broadest sense of the word—a regular frontier city. At night and in day gambling houses are in full blast, and large banners are stretched across the streets to inform the passers-by that keno can be found here and poker, etc., there. They are, as in all frontier villages, patronized liberally, the proprietors

REAPING A RICH HARVEST.

At this point they met Lum Hall, late of this city, and Mr. Kirkpatrick, who formerly held forth with Blair Bros. They also ran across Conductor Frost, who at one time ran a freight train on the M. & K. T. road. Both Mr. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Frost have their families with them and are well pleased with the country. Another Sedalia boy, in the person of Clay Wells, was seen. Clay is running a restaurant and is said to be making money. On the trip over from Las Vegas to Albuquerque Messrs. Bard and Beiler had as a fellow-passenger Gen. John C. Fremont, who was proceeding to Old Mexico for the purpose of

BUILDING A RAILROAD.

Gen. Fremont informed the Sedalia gentlemen that he remembered the Queen City when it was but a village—a wilderness, as it were—and spoke of several parties with whom he was acquainted in this section before the war.

Santa Fe was the next city visited. There they met Judge Thornton, late of Clinton, who married a sister of Arthur and Will Maltby. The judge is practicing law, and is largely interested in mining. He is doing well and likes the country, as does his estimable wife. They also met Mr. Frank Engels, who married Miss Carrie daughter of Charles Meyers, of this city. He is engaged in the hardware business and is thriving.

From Santa Fe they proceeded by stage to Espanola,

THE TERMINUS OF THE D. & R. G. R. R.,

where they met several former Sedalians, including Billy Usher and Conductors Cooper and Lewis. All three were at one time in the employ of the M. & K. T. road, but are now on the D. & R. G. R. and do well.

Del Norte was next visited, where a brother of Dr. Depp's was met. He is largely interested in mines, and in addition is carrying on business. Mr. Depp entertained them handsomely, shutting up his place of business in order to accompany them on a trout fishing expedition. Mr. Bard tells a pretty good joke on his friend Beiler, in this regard, but the BAZOO man is enjoined to secrecy. They heard of Capt. Ed. Kent, who is reported to have made some money out of the mines in that section.

They then returned to Alamoosa and

PROCEEDED TO PUEBLO,

where Dr. Hull and his sons were glad to meet them. Here they found Thos. Gest, formerly a druggist here, and Mr. Holland, at one time a city father, both of whom are in the employ of the D. & R. G. road. They also ran across Mr. Jas. Burress, brother of John Burress, esq., who thinks he is good for \$1,000,000 out of his mine. Mr. Isgrig, late of Marshall, Mo., who is in the drug business there, entertained them in good style, and accompanied them to Kansas City when they returned. John Stewart, E. Hogue and John O'Keefe, all old Sedalians, are there and in business, but were not seen.

Denver came next, where S. D. and S. M. Morrison and families were visited and found to be thriving. John Morrison was seen also, and is doing well. Besides being the owner of valuable mines in the Gunnison country, he is the father of

THE FINEST TWINS IN COLORADO.

While John likes Colorado, he loves Mis-
souri and old Pettis county, and says he

would not advise a change of residence unless a man has plenty of the useful. Andrews, formerly with D. I. Holcomb; Ed. Bischof, in the jewelry business, and Vic Shaw, who was en route to Pueblo, were seen.

The next city visited was Leadville, where they met W. H. Fletcher and family, Mr. Tanner and Mr. Johnson. The latter was formerly with David Blocher. He is now interested in mines, and his prospects are reported as being No. 1. Ollie Hoss, a compositor on the Democrat, escorted the gentlemen through the city by gaslight, and if anything escaped their observation it was

NOT OLLIE'S FAULT.

They became acquainted with a couple of newspaper gentlemen of the city, who also extended all the courtesies possible. Here they visited the Robert E. Lee mine, through the courtesy of Col. Pennick and Capt. Rondebush, part owners. This is considered the most valuable claim in that section, and is under the superintendency of John Flemming, an old schoolmate of Emmet Phillips. Messrs. Bard and Beiler went down into the mine, a distance of 253 feet, and observed the workings minutely. At this time \$53,000 of ore per week is being taken out, and it is said that at least \$3,000,000 more is in sight.

Leaving Leadville, they proceeded to Pueblo, where they took the "cyclone train" for Kansas City, and arrived home as stated, thoroughly pleased with their experience in the far west.

GOOD FOR GOLD.

Recovery of a Rifle Stolen from
Capt. Gold Five Years
Ago.

Capt. S. C. Gold, the well-known lumber dealer, is congratulating himself over a piece of good luck upon which he stumbled Saturday, whereby he recovered a seventy-five dollar rifle which was stolen from his office more than five years ago. The weapon was a present, and therefore highly prized, causing Mr. Gold to mourn not a little when he ascertained that it had been taken.

In 1877 Mr. Gold's office was broken into and this rifle, a coat, a hand trunk and a lot of fishing tackle were removed. Although the utmost diligence was used to ferret out the perpetrator of the crime, it amounted to naught, and the goods were supposed to be forever lost.

On Saturday last, however, Mr. Gold dropped into the office of Prosecuting Attorney Heard, and about the first thing he saw was his long-lost rifle standing against the wall. It is of a peculiar pattern, and no trouble was had in identifying it. Mr. Gold remarked that the rifle was his property, and before he had examined it, told of a particular mark upon it. An examination was made, and sure enough the peculiarity spoken of was there, and the gun, which was then in the possession of Mr. Heard's nephew, was turned over to Mr. Gold.

Mr. Heard's nephew explained that he had traded for the stolen property, and still further investigation revealed the fact that five or six parties had owned it since the day it was stolen, among the number being a gunsmith to whom it was probably traded by the thief. Mr. Gold is still searching for the man who took it to the gunsmith, and will leave no stone unturned to apprehend him.